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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing on W.E. Colby's
Confirmation Hearing

1. Today I accompanied Mr. Colby who appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee in open session to testify in connection with his confirmation as Director of Central Intelligence. The meeting lasted from 1000 to 1145 hours. There was no technical sweep of the room, 318 Russell Office Building, and discussions were on an unclassified level. A transcript was taken and is on file in the Office of Legislative Counsel.
2. Acting Chairman Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) was the only Committee member present.
3. Staff personnel included were:
 - T. Edward Braswell, Chief Counsel
 - R. James Woolsey, General Counsel
 - John T. Ticer, Chief Clerk
 - John A. Goldsmith, Professional Staff Member
4. Among the subjects covered were: the Agency's role in the 1967 Greek coup, allegations about the Agency and Prince Sihanouk's recent book, the Phoenix program and Mr. Colby's role therein, the various intelligence subcommittees of the NSC, Mr. Colby's plans for coordinating the community, freer disclosure of information about the Agency, Agency reporting to the Congress, domestic operations and limitations thereon, relations with the FBI, and recent legislative proposals regarding the Agency and possible amendments thereon.

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5. In conclusion Senator Symington congratulated Mr. Colby on his testimony and assured him that he would have the Senator's vote for confirmation.

6. Followup actions:

- a. A series of questions submitted for the record by Senator Hughes.
- b. The present membership of the several intelligence subcommittees of the NSC.
- c. The results, within the next six months, of Mr. Colby's review of the community budget and his recommendations thereon.
- d. A report on who has the authority to declassify, or make available to the Congress, copies of the NSCIDs.
- e. The results of Mr. Colby's review of policies and procedures for coordination between the CIA and FBI.

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